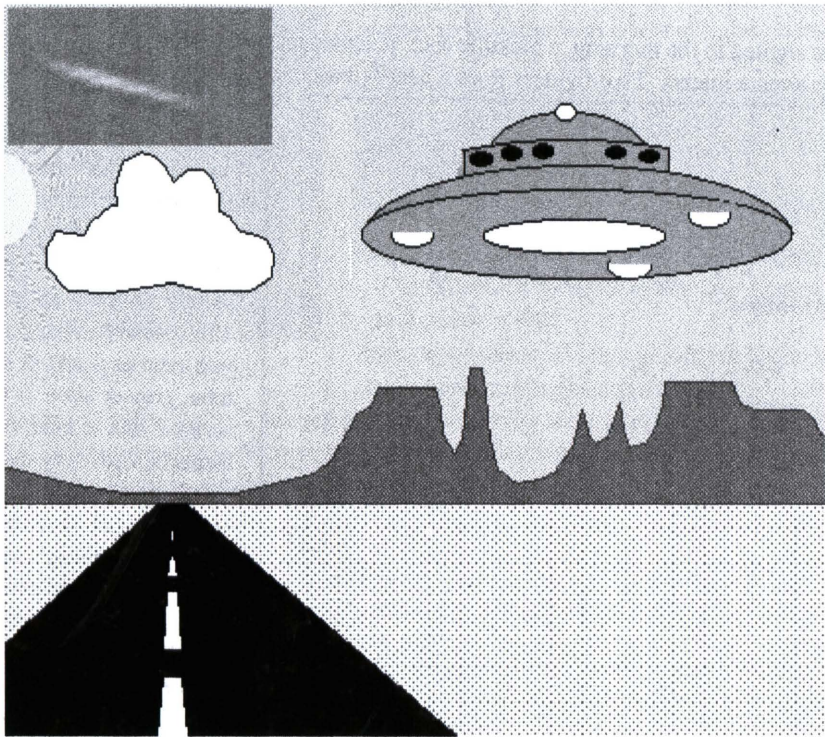


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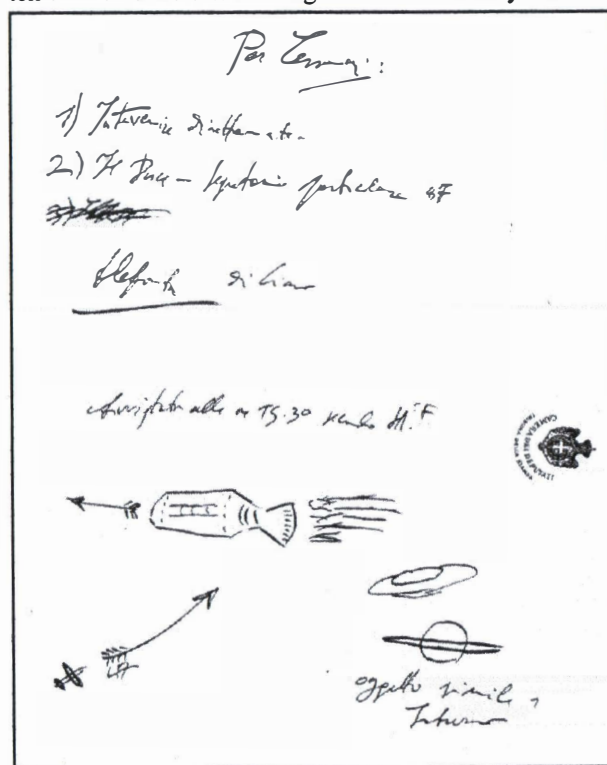


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SOME INTERESTING SIGHTINGS ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

National Geographic TV channel has had a number of interesting programmes on UFOs recently, some involving sightings of objects with similarities to Adamski motherships. One of these was in the *UFOs - the Untold Stories* series and involved the sighting of a cigar-shaped object over Venice on August 16th, 1936 - before the second world war and many years before Adamski's books. The sighting was of a flying cylindrical object over the regions of Venice and Mestre. This incident was graphically reconstructed on two pages, showing a "flying cigar" - described as "torpedo-shaped" along with two spheres beside it, one of which resembled 'the planet Saturn, being pursued by Italian fighter aircraft.

It was sighted in the morning, a metallic disc, polished and reflecting light, with a length of ten or twelve meters. Two fighters from a nearby base took off, but were not able to reach



The Italian sightings in 1936

Geographic recently was *Chasing UFOs*, in which a team of three investigate various sightings and other events across the United States and in other countries in the Americas. These are Erin Ryder, James Fox and Ben McGee. Fox is portrayed as a "believer" and McGee as a "skeptic", and Ryder tries to amalgamate the two to get to the truth.

it even at 130 km/h. It did not emit sound, which would lead one to consider it an airship. But nobody knows of aerostats that can fly faster than the wind. Then, after approximately at least an hour and after passing over Mestre, it was seen as a sort of metallic tube, gray or slate. It was described like a kind of aerial torpedo, with very clear windows ... and alternating, white and red lights. It released two discs resembling hats like those used by priests: wide, round, with a dome in the center, metallic and following the torpedo without changing their relative positions. It apparently had an effect on Mussolini who tried to silence the information.

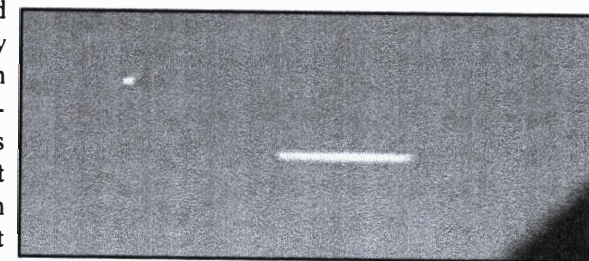
Another series on National

One interesting sighting was made and videoed by Erin Ryder after investigating a flap in the grasslands of central Texas in 2008. The team began tracking stories from more than 30 witnesses from two towns, Stephenville and Dublin. One object was described as being over a mile in length, with bright pulsating lights. There was also a video of a disc-shaped object in daylight over a house, taken by Mauricio Ruiz. Looking at the records in the local library in Dublin, they also found a newspaper report from the Dublin Progress of June 20th, 1891 of a similar flap of lights in the sky, accompanying an explosion which could have been a meteorite (metallic fragments were found afterwards). They then went to the grist mill site where the nineteenth century sightings were reported, with a metal detector to see if



The Chasing UFOs team

in Salida and Trinidad in the Colorado Rockies where the team interviewed people in the San Luis Valley concerned with apparent animal mutilations. Tim Edwards had taken, in 1995, a video of a cigar-shaped object over his house apparently releasing smaller objects which were following a seemingly erratic course. The smaller objects looked more like the remote craft described by Adamski than discs. A number of different people across several states claim to have seen it. There was no direct evidence that these were connected with the mutilations, just that it was taken in the same area.



Cigar from the Tim Edwards video

any of the metal fragments were still there. While doing this, Ryder saw a light in the sky which transformed as it was being watched into what seemed to be a disc with a row of lights on its rim. They did not find any physical evidence.



The light seen by Erin Ryder that seemed to become a disc

There were also two videos which seemed to show cigar-shaped craft releasing smaller ones. One was

The other was taken in Mexico by two different people (who did not know each other) from two different angles and shows a very long line of disc-shaped objects being released. Pedro Hernandez and Alfredo Carrillo both shot the same incident from different parts of

Mexico City, and both were convinced that these were something out of the ordinary. In Carrillo's case it was from the top of a building and they appeared to be backlit. He also mentioned that there were more sightings when there was activity from the local volcano, Popocatepetl, so this does suggest earth lights, but in this case they did look like craft.

Patrick Moore has died

The celebrated astronomer Patrick Moore died on December 9th at the age of 89. He enthused countless numbers of people in astronomy with his TV series *The Sky at Night*, which is the longest-running TV series in the world with the same presenter, having started in 1959. He was also instrumental in bringing my wife and myself together, as we first got into contact through the magazine *Hermes*, of the Junior Astronomical Society, which we had joined after both watching *The Sky at Night*.

However, although he has gone on record as thinking that there must be life elsewhere in the universe, he was always something of an adversary to flying saucer enthusiasts, always holding firmly that there has never been any evidence of extraterrestrial activity here. In fact, his TV career was started when he was asked to be the opposition in a programme about UFOs in the 1950s. But strangely he did think that if any extraterrestrials did come they will come in peace. He wrote in his *New Guide to the Planets* in 1993:

"Of course, there is always the chance that beings from other worlds will come here, but the whole topic has been bedevilled by the flying saucer craze, which attracts cranks in the same way a jamjar attracts wasps. Nobody will claim that such a visitation is impossible, because there must surely be many races in the Galaxy who are far more technologically advanced than ourselves, but there is no evidence that it has ever happened. If it does, we need not be alarmed. Any race capable of making such a journey will long since have left war and conquest behind it, and will come in peace." He believed this because he thought any who would not have come in peace would not have survived to be able to make the journey.

In the November 2009 issue of *Sky at Night Magazine* (which also included an article by Vincent Whiteman headed "So you think you saw a UFO? What you saw was probably... then giving a list with pictures of mistaken identity causes) he wrote an article "Will we make contact?" in which he said:

"But I repeat - and this is the crux of my argument - our civilisation is young, and we are still going through the stage when we have the scientific ability to destroy ourselves but are not intelligent enough to live together in peace. Other civilisations, older and wiser than ours, must surely have passed through this stage, and may well have solved the problem of interstellar travel. If so, the Earth could well be on their visiting list. Inevitably there are claims that this has already happened - Roswell being the most famous instance, undoubtedly to the the benefit of local hoteliers and restaurants - but we await the arrival

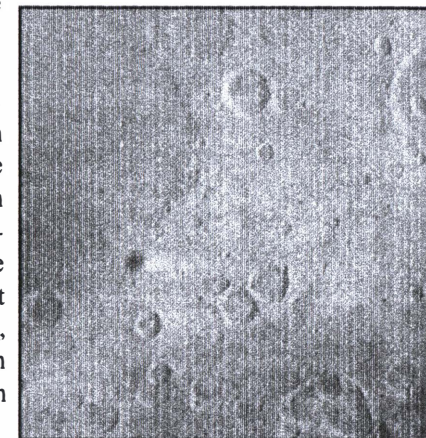
of a true expedition from afar. I realise that I may be completely wrong: there may be something that rules out interstellar travel permanently, there may not yet be any civilisation able to achieve it or - as a few people believe - we may, after all, be alone in the vastness of the Universe. So, my opinion may be worth nothing, but I will still voice it; aliens have not yet visited us, as far as we know, but possibly they could. And if I meet one, the first thing I will do is to persuade him to write an article for *Sky at Night Magazine*".

He met a number of famous people concerned with science, science fiction and space travel, including Orville Wright of the Wright Brothers who made the first powered aeroplane, H.G. Wells, Albert Einstein (whose violin playing he accompanied on the piano) and the Apollo astronauts including Neil Armstrong (his Moon mapping was used by the Apollo project). But he was also televised with various people concerned with flying saucers including Bernard Byron who sang songs claimed to be in extraterrestrial language (see <http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk>, and the link Extraterrestrial Language for the possible translation of one transcribed by Tony Wedd), Arthur Shuttlewood of Warminster who spoke of sightings at Cradle Hill, George Adamski and Desmond Leslie. He also did a programme on flying saucers with comedian Michael Bentine who had seen a UFO some time earlier.

He has also been accused of hoaxing the Cedric Allingham case of the book *Flying Saucer from Mars*, a claim to have met a Martian in an Adamski-type saucer in Scotland, the main piece of evidence for this being that the telescope Allingham is pictured beside seems to be one of his, with identical bushes pictured behind it. This is possible, as he did hoax a sighting earlier which he has not denied, to see if it would produce further reports, which it did. He has always vehemently denied association with the Allingham case, however.

In his interview on TV in 2007, he was asked what he would most like to find out, and said that it was the question of whether there was life elsewhere in the universe.

I have noted a number of interesting things concerned with UFOs in things associated with *The Sky at Night*; one was a picture from the probe Mariner 6 published with an article on robotic space probes in *Patrick Moore's Yearbook of Astronomy 2012*. This shows the craters and other features in sharp relief, but also a dark circular object with a blurred edge, which appears to be focus blurring rather than motion blurring. This seems to suggest an object in space quite close to the probe.



The Mariner 6 picture

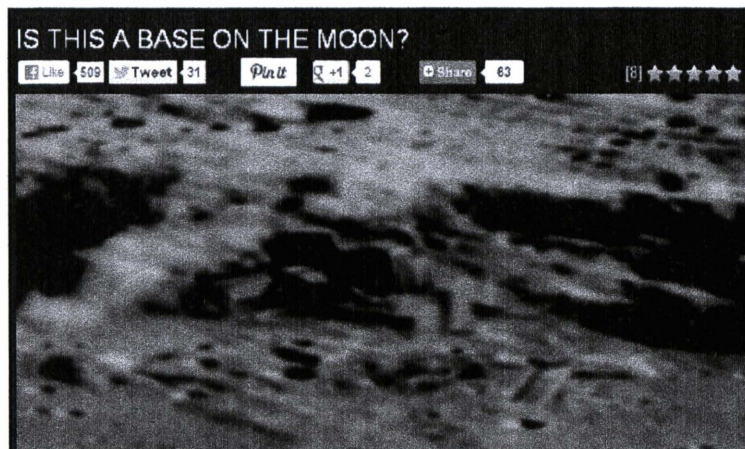
In the April 2006 issue of *Amskaya* there were

two pictures of the rings of Saturn, taken by the Cassini spacecraft, from a video clip on a *Sky at Night* CD-ROM illustrating a moonlet which orbits the planet within the rings. These pictures seemed to show a cigar shaped object traversing the rings (see page 11). Since then there have been other indications of activity round the planet. In October 2007 Bob Brown, in TEMSmail, mentioned a video on YouTube which seemed to indicate similarly-shaped objects crossing the rings, although this video does not explain its source. Searching the web led to the finding of other observations.

Also in 2006, I went to Turkey to see the total solar eclipse in a trip organised by *Sky at Night Magazine*, and in the five pictures I took of totality there was a starlike object in different positions on each, suggesting an object moving in an erratic course. My camera is not sensitive enough to get pictures of actual stars.

Base on the Moon?

Possible alien moon base captured by Chang'e-2 OrbitAudio by Karl Wolfe from 2001 National Press Club Event. I was sent some pictures by a source who claims China will be



releasing Hi Res images taken by the Chang'e-2 moon orbiter, which clearly show buildings and structures on the moon's surface. He also claims NASA has deliberately bombed important areas of the Moon in an effort to destroy ancient artifacts and facilities. Pictures yet to be released clearly show nuclear impact craters and building debris caused by explosions in an effort by NASA to destroy the truth. China is moving toward full disclosure of the Extraterrestrial reality. Information submitted to UFO Casebook by Ken Pfeifer of MUFON.

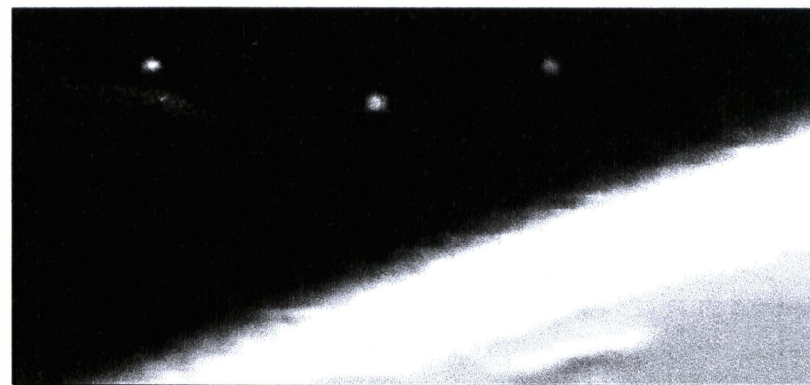
http://www.disclose.tv/action/viewvideo/120852/Is_This_a_Base_on_the_Moon/

UFOs seen from International Space Station

As 2012 ended and 2013 began, numerous UFOs were reported around the country - nothing

earthshattering there - but what about alleged unidentified objects seen in space near the International Space Station (or ISS), a couple of hundred miles above Earth?

Videos have cropped up on YouTube showing images taken by NASA cameras of objects of different shapes, some moving very slowly, others rapidly hurtling through space. What, exactly, are we looking at here? Alien spacecraft dropping by for a visit with the ISS? Reflections from ISS windows? Meteors? Or various types of orbiting or fast moving spacecraft-generated debris?



On Christmas Day, YouTube poster Streetcap1 recorded video of a silvery object, moving slowly near the curvature of Earth. At :46 into the following video, the object can be seen in faraway perspective.

Streetcap1 also recorded the following two objects - one circular, the other disc-shaped - outside the ISS on New Year's Day. Could it be a mere window reflection?

"Spacecraft-generated 'dandruff' has been seen since the very first human spaceflights, when the non-intuitive relative motions and impossible-to-judge distances in the earthly environment of outer space tricked observers into misinterpreting visual stimuli," according to James Oberg, a former space engineer who specialized in NASA space shuttle operations and is currently the NBC News Space Consultant.

"It shouldn't be surprising that only half a century later, most folks watching YouTube videos are still totally flummoxed by what they understandably and excusably can't comprehend," Oberg told The Huffington Post in an email.

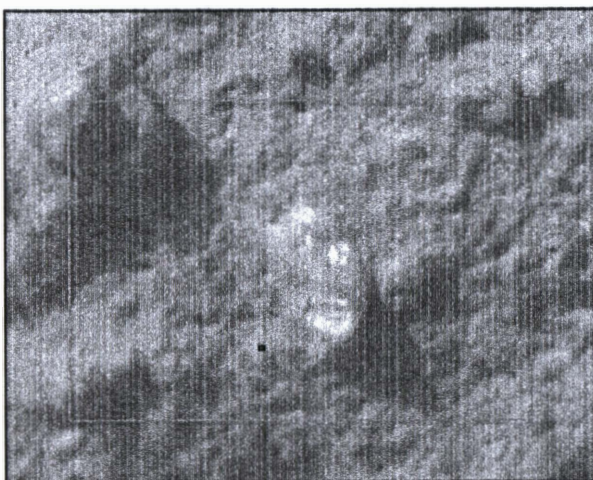
Oberg doesn't give much credence to any speculation that unidentified flying objects near the ISS originate from an alien civilization. But he also feels it's important for people to keep looking at camera feeds which may result in visual information that can help prevent potential technical problems for the ISS.

"It's good to keep scanning space video for possible anomalies and reporting them quickly," Oberg said. "The reason is, there is always a real chance that it could be a genuine anomaly, either a spacecraft malfunction or other threat, expected or unexpected. In the past, missions have failed because a clue that should have been seen out the window was overlooked." http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/13/ufos-at-international-space-station_n_2450625.html

NASA's Curiosity rover finds 'flower' on surface of Mars

By Eric Pfeiffer, Yahoo! News Reporter

Does this image taken by Curiosity's Mars Hand Lens Imager show a "Martian flower?" (NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS) NASA has released a series of new photos taken by its Curiosity rover that appear to show a "flower" on the surface of Mars.



NBCNews.com's photoblog reports that the photos were taken as part of an effort to capture 360-degree images during Curiosity's trek through Mars' Yellowknife Bay.

New Jersey-based journalist and photographer Ken Kramer has assembled the Curiosity photographs, adding color to give a realistic view of what the rover is seeing on the planet's surface.

But what has really caught people's attention is a raw image from NASA's photo feed that one reader on Above Top Secret has called a "Martian flower." On the posting, the commenter going by the name "Arken," writes: "The Albedo (or Reflectivity of Sun Light) of this object is very high, and its translucent appearance, the irregular conformation (like pistils) and the 'texture' of its wider areas is smooth, and seem that it is ground attached. This is the SECOND TRANSLUCENT ANOMALY detected by Curiosity in Gale Crater."

NBC's Alan Boyle writes that he at first assumed the "flower" was actually just a piece of plastic that had fallen off the Curiosity rover. A similar event happened in October. So, Boyle reached out to NASA spokesman Guy Webster. Interestingly, Webster shot down the plastic theory, saying in response, "That appears to be part of the rock, not debris from the spacecraft."

On Wednesday, scientists announced that an ancient rock that traveled from Mars to Earth

over 2 billion years ago appears to have interacted with water on the planet's surface.

So, what do you think? Does the image show a decayed piece of organic life residing on the surface of Mars?

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/nasa-curiosity-rover-finds-flower-surface-mars-220649001.html>

Tau Ceti's 5 planets and an early saucer contactee

Could the recent announcement that the Sun-like star Tau Ceti, about 12 light-years from the Earth, may have five planets, one or perhaps even two of them possibly habitable, corroborate a long-ago UFO contactee's claim that Tau Ceti had five habitable planets? Could Albert Coe's 1969 account of his alleged 1920 encounter with a Tau Cetian in the Canadian woods, seemingly anticipating a 2012 discovery, have been anything more than an accidentally lucky wild guess?

Tau Ceti, a yellowish Type G8 star of half the Sun's luminosity just 11.9 light-years from Earth, is one of the very closest of our own Sun's near-twins to the Earth, after Alpha Centauri A and B, a pair of two Sun-like stars only 4.4 light-years from us. Tau Ceti has long been a target of both detailed astronomical study and hopeful science fiction, since it is among one of the 20 closest stars to Earth. In 1960, Project Ozma, led by Cornell University astronomer Frank Drake, probed Tau Ceti and another nearby somewhat Sun-like star, Epsilon Eridani, 10.5 light-years away, for signs of life by studying interstellar radio waves with the Green Bank radio telescope in West Virginia. Science-fiction writers like Robert Heinlein, Isaac Asimov, James Blish, Frank Herbert, Norman Spinrad, and Larry Niven have long used it as a favorite setting or destination in their books.

On December 19, 2012, a team of astronomers headed by Finnish-born University of Herefordshire astronomer Mikko Tuomi reported evidence consistent with a system of five planets orbiting Tau Ceti. The planets' minimum mass estimates are between 2 and 6.7 times the Earth's mass, with orbital periods ranging from 14 to 642 days, and orbital distances from 0.1 to 1.35 times the Earth's distance from the Sun. One of them, tentatively named Tau Ceti e, with 4.3 times the Earth's mass, appears to orbit about half as far from Tau Ceti as the Earth does from the Sun (0.552 times as far, to be exact). With Tau Ceti being smaller and dimmer than the Sun (almost exactly half the Sun's luminosity), the planet would orbit within the star's habitable zone, that is, the zone with temperatures roughly similar to the Earth's, thus permitting liquid water and the possibility of Earth-like life. Planetary Habitability Laboratory has calculated that the second planet Tau Ceti f, with 6.7 times the Earth's mass, would be narrowly within the habitable zone of the star as well, at 1.35 times the Earth's distance from the Sun.

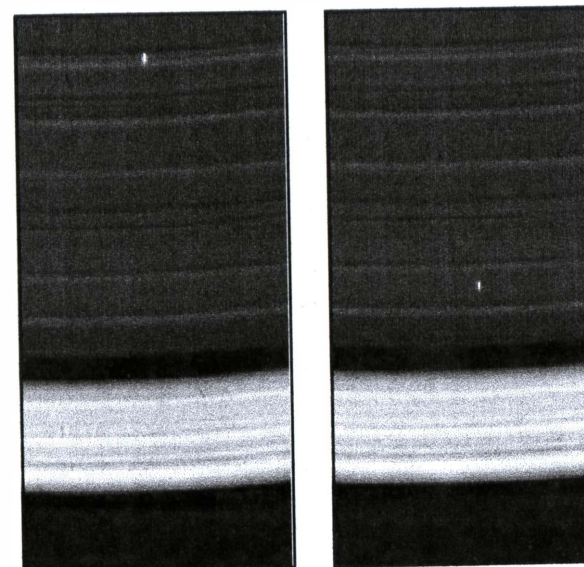
Now, let's flash back to 1920, or at least to 1969.

In June 1920, as described almost 50 years later in his 1969 book *The Shocking Truth*, 16-year-old Albert Coe met and befriended a handsome, youthful, blond-haired, thoroughly human-looking alien from Tau Ceti while on a fishing and canoeing trip in the wild hinterlands of Ontario, Canada. Coe rescued the alien, who had become trapped in a rock cleft near the Mattawan River, and then let Coe help him return to his nearby disc-shaped aircraft, in which he then took off. Six months later, Coe got and accepted an invitation from the alien for lunch at the McAlpine Hotel in Ottawa. The alien, whose name was Zret, told Coe that he was really 300 years old despite his youthful appearance, and was part of a survey team monitoring Earth's scientific progress. His race, he said, originally came from the planet Norca, one of the five habitable planets of the Tau Ceti star system. Norca, according to Zret, had begun to dehydrate 14,000 years ago, forcing its inhabitants to migrate to another system. They explored our solar system and chose it as their new home. The Norcans colonized Mars, and then moved on to Venus and Earth, founding Atlantis and Lemuria. Zret stated that the Norcans now lived mainly on Venus, although they maintained several research bases on Mars and regularly monitored our own race's progress. Coe claimed he maintained contact with Zret and other Norcans for the next 50 years, meeting them once a month!

Coe was thus a forerunner, 30-odd years earlier, of the 1950s UFO contactees like George Adamski, George Hunt Williamson, Daniel Fry, Truman Bethurum, Reinhold Schmitt, George Van Tassell, and Orfeo Angellucci. Like Adamski, Williamson, Fry, Bethurum, Angellucci, etc. in the Eisenhower years, Coe claimed on-going contact with benevolent, handsome, perfectly human-looking Space Brothers eager to help us achieve Utopia. Of course, there is no evidence, aside from Coe's own say-so in his 1969 book, whether he ever met a handsome, youthful Tau Cetian Space Brother in the Canadian woods in 1920! We do not know if he ever told any of his family or friends about his remarkable encounters in the years between 1920 and 1969! It might be very nice if anybody could find any corroborative recollections of Coe's story from all those intervening decades! Otherwise, we simply cannot tell if his story was anything more than just a belated attempt to cash in on 1950s and 1960s popular interest in UFOs!

Coe's story as told in *The Shocking Truth* was summarized by one of the speakers at the November 11-13 2011 Bordentown NJ UFO, ET, and Paranormal Congress. In the question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation, I questioned Coe's claim that, according to Zret, Tau Ceti had five habitable planets. As a somewhat smaller and dimmer star than our own Sun, with about half the Sun's luminosity, I pointed out, Tau Ceti would have an even smaller habitable zone than the Sun. Any habitable planet would have to be about as far from Tau Ceti as Venus is from the Sun, and most of the five planets claimed by Zret/Coe would probably be too cold to harbor life as we know it: at best, the Earth-like Tau Cetian world's nearest outer neighbor might have a climate like Mars, while any further-out planets would have temperatures comparable to Jupiter and Saturn.

by Peter Park, from Paul Screeton



Long object crossing Saturn's rings - Cassini spacecraft picture, from Sky at Night CD-ROM

WEB SITES

The following web sites are all relevant to extraterrestrial contact

All the Planets are Inhabited:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/atpai>

Flying Saucers, Leys and Lost Technology - the Tony Wedd site:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/tony>

Voices from Space - the Philip Rodgers site, detailing his amazing tape recordings as well as free energy research and extraterrestrial language:

<http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk>

The Great Isosceles Triangle of England - leys and orthoteny (UFO sighting lines): <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/triangle>

The Real Stonehenge and Avebury - Mollie Carey's photos of carvings at ancient sites, and extraterrestrial connection:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk>

The Ley Hunter 1969-76 - the magazine on leys, with some articles by Tony Wedd:

<http://www.tlh6976.fsnet.co.uk>

THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS

The Hidden Unity looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

Beginnings is about a series of potentially useful discoveries, mainly made by Jimmy Goddard over a period of about twenty years, but having some overlap with discoveries made by others. For various reasons, the investigations are all in their early stages, and some have not been continued. They include earth energy detection, natural antigravity, subconscious siting, ley width, and the solar transition effect. There is also a chapter on cognitive dissonance - a psychological factor which seems to have been at the root of all bigotry - scientific, religious and other - down the ages. The booklet is concluded with an account of the discovery of leys by Alfred Watkins. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and I had thought it was lost, though it has recently been located - Tony had given it to Timothy Good. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet was prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

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